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SUBJECT: UNEF IN MIDDLE EAST

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1. I SAW FOREIGN MINISTER DENNIS NOVEMBER 4. DENNIS SAID THAT DESPITE PRESIDENT TOLBERT'S USE OF WORD "OFFER" IN HIS MEETING WITH ME ON NOVEMBER 2, GOL POSITION WAS THAT IT WAS WILLING TO CONTRIBUTE TO UNEF IF ASKED RPT IF ASKED BY SYG. AMBASSADOR BARNES WAS INSTRUCTED TO SO INFORM SYG AND PRESIDENT OF UNSC NOTING THAT GOL WILLINGNESS WAS CONDITIONAL ON RECEIVING FURTHER INFORMATION FROM SYG AS TO CONSTITUTION OF UNEF, SIZE OF CONTINGENTS TO BE CONTRIBUTED, FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS, ETC. DURING MEETING WITH SYG, SYG TOLD BARNES THAT BASED ON HIS INFORMATION EGYPT WOULD OPPOSE INCLUSION OF A LIBERIAN CONTINGENT. IN LIGHT THIS REPORT, THE SUBSEQUENT BREAK IN RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL, AND IN ABSENCE OF SYG RESPONSE TO GOL CONDITIONS BARNES WITHDREW GOL OFFER.

2. DENNIS HAS SINCE DISCUSSED MATTER WITH PRESIDENT TOLBERT WHO CONFIRMS THAT GOL WOULD RESPOND POSITIVELY TO A REQUEST FOR A CONTRIBUTION IF: (Q) SYG TAKES THE INITIATIVE; AND, (B) BOTH ISRAEL AND EGYPT AGREE TO ITS PARTICIPATION. GOL PLACES CONSIDERABLE
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IMPORTANCE ON POINT (B), ABOVE SINCE GOL UNSURE ISRAEL WILLING,

FOLLOWING BREAK, TO ACCEPT LIBERIAN CONTRIBUTION. ALSO, GOL UNABLE
VERIFY PREVIOUS EGYPTIAN OPPOSITION AND WHETHER ALLEGED
EGYPTIAN POSITION HAS CHANGED IN VIEW OF SUBSEQUENT GOL BREAK WITH
ISRAEL. I WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S ASSESSMENT OF CURRENT
ISRAELI AND EGYPTIAN POSITIONS TO PASS ON TO PRESIDENT TOLBERT
SINCE THIS WILL BE CENTRAL IN HIS MAKING DECISION.
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